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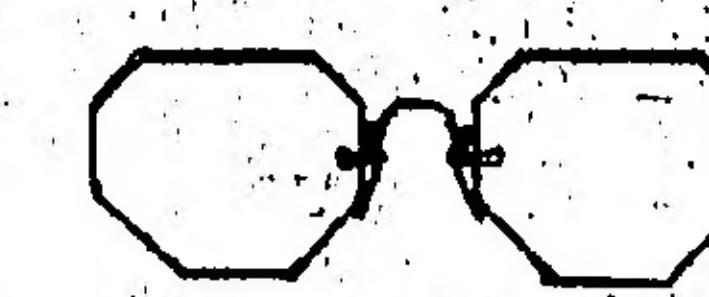
TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/4 3/16.

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"ILL-CONSIDERED COMPETITION."

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UNION INSURANCE MEETING.

Another Good Year Reported.

A warning note as to "ill-considered competition" in the insurance field was sounded by the Chairman of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes) at the annual meeting of the company this morning. He added that there had been a lot of haphazard underwriting the world over, which was to be deplored, but happily there were signs that underwriters, in general, were getting together to put rates on a sounder basis.

COMPANY'S STRONG POSITION.

Cargo rates, said the Chairman, which had dropped appreciably in recent years, remained at about the same level as the previous year, and it was pleasing to note that the Hull market was on a better basis.

The company's position, as shown by the report, was a strong one, a marked feature being the healthy state of the investments both at home and abroad, all of which were paying well. The Society had over one million pounds in investments in America, and it was gratifying to be able to state that the debacle on the New York Stock Exchange had not affected them in any way. The fall in silver values had had a little effect on the Society's holdings, but it was pointed out that the great majority of its funds were on a sterling basis.

Marine business had kept up well during the year, although the Company were involved in the loss of the Hamburg-Amerika Liner Hochst, and also to some degree in the disastrous fire on the Europa.

The year had been a bad one for fire business, but general business continued to improve.

In conclusion, the Chairman paid a tribute to the unfailing endeavours of the General Manager and staff during the year.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, said:

Gentlemen: The Report and Accounts were issued on May 6, and you will therefore have had the necessary time to examine the figures which appear in the Balance Sheet. I propose therefore to follow the usual practice and take them as well as the Auditors' Report as read.

The Working Accounts for the year 1929, after paying a Bonus to Contributors of £18,334-10s.-10d. and an Interim Dividend of 24/- per share, amounting to £162,000, shows a Balance of £129,826-15s.-9d., available for distribution, and your Directors recommend that this Balance be dealt with as follows.

A Final Dividend of 16/- per share on 135,000 shares to be paid to Shareholders absorbing £108,000 and that the Balance remaining be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1928.

The Balance of the Working Account for the year 1929 is £40,790-1s.-4d. and the Board recommends an Interim Dividend of 24/- per share to be paid to Shareholders absorbing £162,000, and that a Bonus of 20 per cent, be paid to Contributors of business on Bonus terms, absorbing about £20,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Cargo Rates Down.

The business of Marine Insurance for the year 1929 appears to have been transacted on very much the same lines as for the past few years. Cargo rates have in some instances declined, although I believe for the most part they have remained very much upon the same level as the preceding year. The Hull Market has been placed on a somewhat sounder basis, and we read that increases have been secured on fleets where the record has not been satisfactory.

Haphazard Underwriting.

I think we can safely say that Underwriters generally are more prone to watch carefully the position of Exchange, and how it affects the Society and its Affiliated Companies. You will realise that the drop in the price of silver and the consequent depreciation in the Sterling value of the dollar and the pound must have an effect upon the Society's figures. For example, premium received in silver currency and interest on investments in silver securities translated into Sterling will produce less pounds. This is particularly true of the value of the Society's Silver Reserve Fund of £1,000,000, which at 1/15 per cent £24,750, as against £308,125

78-YEAR OLD MAN CHARGED.

POSSESSION OF OPIUM AND AMMUNITION.

USUAL LAME EXCUSE.

A Chinese, 78 years of age, was this morning charged before the District Officer's Court before Mr. J. S. McLaren for the possession of 76 taels of illicit opium and 150 Mauser rifle magazines.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared for the defence, and entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

Evidence given by a Chinese detective was to the effect that on May 23, a raid was made on an unnumbered matshed at Tsui Wan. There were two beds in the shed, and underneath one of these, he found a kerosene tin containing the opium and a gunny bag in which the magazines were kept. Defendant was away at the time, and he waited until 5.30 p.m. when he returned.

Insp. Dorling spoke to preferring the charges against the defendant at the Water Police Station, when the latter answered that he did not know that the contraband was in his matshed. He said that someone had left them there.

In evidence defendant said that a few days before his arrest, somebody came to his door. It was late at night and he could not see what they had dumped here, but he heard them asking him to take care of the parcels. Next morning, he took the parcels and put them under his bed. He never looked inside to see what they contained.

His Worship convicted.

In mitigation, Mr. d'Almada pleaded that since the accused was found to be in possession of the contraband, he had no other recourse than to plead guilty to possession, but it must be admitted that the accused had had no guilty knowledge.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$8,000 on the charge of possession of opium, or, in default, six months' imprisonment.

On the other count, defendant was fined \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment, the sentences to run consecutively.

Three Other Cases.

Revenue Officer Grimmiti prosecuted in three opium cases before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Two of the accused were arrested at Causeway Bay, behaving in a suspicious manner on the water front.

When searched, prepared opium was found strapped to the legs of both men. One had 98 taels and the other 80 taels.

Both admitted possession, but would not say where the drug had come from.

The first man was fined \$10,000 and the other \$9,000, with the alternative of six months' hard labour in each case.

The other man was arrested coming off the s.s. Taishan. He had 18 taels of raw opium.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$500 or two months' hard labour.

Last year when the rate of exchange was 2/04.

Accounts Affected.

The amount standing to the credit of Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account is affected also, this amounting in the present Balance Sheet to £568,369-4s.-1d., as against £512,819-1s.-9d., shown in the Balance Sheet for the period ended December 31, 1928. As I have already indicated, the closing Demand rate on London of the Hong-Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on December 31, 1928, was 2/04, whilst on December 31, 1929 it was 1/14. The difference between these two rates shows a depreciation in the Sterling value of 19.58 per cent.

The 1929 Working Account has been adjusted to the exchange ruling on December 31, 1929, and in consequence the balance of the 1928 Working Account at the end of the second year after payment of an Interim Dividend and Bonus amounting to £176,384-10s.-10d. is £18,183-6s.-8d., less than the 1928 Working Account at the same period.

This difference, I may say, is more than accounted for by exchange, and interest on investments in silver securities translated into Sterling will produce less pounds.

Interest and Dividend.

You will observe that our interest in the 1928 Working Account

JAPAN IN GOOD FORM

Disagreement Over "Soccer" Match.

CHINA WINS VOLLEY BALL.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

At the Olympic games to-day, Japan clinched for the baseball title, defeating the Chinese in a wild, ragged contest by 17 runs to 10. In swimming Japan secured a further two firsts in the 100 yards back stroke, and 50 yards free style. In the men's volleyball event China beat Japan by 21 points to 18 and 21 to 19, making China and the Philippines tie in the match for the title, which will be played off tomorrow.

In the women's volleyball event Japan beat the Philippines by 21 to nil and 21 to nil.

In soccer Japan sprang a surprise and tied with China by 3 goals to 3. The Chinese did most of the attacking but their shooting was erratic. At half-time the score was one all. Japan led by 2 goals to 2 within three minutes, when Wong Shui-wa equalised. The Chinese wanted to play extra

WAR ZONE SHIFTS TO HUNAN.

REBELS ADOPT TACTICS OF CANTON FORCES.

INVASION EXPECTED.

Canton, Yesterday.

The Central Government has formally appointed General Chan Chai-tong as Commander-in-Chief of the Land, Air, and Naval forces of the Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Kiangsi provinces. General Chan is expected to assume his new post on June 1.

According to an official wire despatched from Hangchow in Hunan, the Kwangsi insurgents under Pei Hsing-hsi have arrived at Hangshao near Hangchow;

those under Yang Teng-fei are still at Taochow, while the Hunan mutineers under Tang Seng-ming have advanced as far as Yungming. In order to shorten the line of military operations, the Hunan loyal troops have withdrawn to Yen-pan-shi, 20 miles from Chiyang, and will, if necessary, further retire to Hengchow, which will then be strongly defended, thereby adopting the former tactics of the Cantonese forces when facing last year the invasion of the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites. The wire expresses the confidence of the Hunan loyal Generals and their ability to round up the rebels as soon as the troops of the 6th and 8th Route Army follow them up.

Rebels in Hunan.

Another report from Nanking says that the Ironsides-Kwangsi rebels have penetrated into Hunan in two directions—one marching eastward to Ningyuen, and the other toward north-east to Tungan and Chiyang. Besides the 19th Division of the 4th Route Army, stationed at Hengchow, being despatched to intercept them, all the Hunan loyal troops, who recently invaded Kwangsi, have been transferred back to guard Hengchow and Lingning. Skirmishes between the vanguards of the rebels and the Hunan troops are reported to have taken place last week between Hengchow and Ningyuen, but no further fighting has since been reported.

It will be recalled that Tang Seng-ming and Tang Chih-ming, both brothers of Tang Sen-yi, mutinied in Hunan some time ago and escaped to Kwangsi to form the Ironsides-Kwangsi rebels. Tang Seng-ming is now invading Hunan again. By appointing Tang Seng-chi as C.I.C. of the 6th Regional Army of the allied forces, Yen Hsi-shan hopes that Tang may be in position to collect the remnants under Tang Seng-ming.

The Kiangsi troops under Chang Fei-chen have been assembled on the Kiangsi-Hunan border in anticipation of a possible invasion by the Ironsides-Kwangsi rebels.

A circular telegram is received from General Ho Chien, chairman of Hunan, stating inter alia that, due to the activities of the Communists under Ho Lung and the outlaws under Pang and Wang, arising in Hunan, the Hunan troops were compelled to withdraw from Kwangsi for their suppression. Taking advantage of the disturbed situation in Hunan, the mutineers, Tang Seng-ming and Tang Chih-ming have induced the invasion of the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites. General Ho has despatched troops to several directions for the elimination of the invaders, Communists and bandits.

Airmen Busy.

Manila, Yesterday.

Word has been received from Colonel Tang Yueh-ming, who led six planes on the 26th to Shikuan and who has been flying over Hunan for reconnaissance daily, to the effect that the Ironsides-Kwangsi rebels are still at Lingning, Hunan, and are unlikely to make a further advance, probably due to the opposition of the Hunan troops.

Cantonese Reinforcements.

The 6th and 8th Divisions under Tsui Ting-kai and Chang Kwong-nai now at Shikuan will proceed to Pengchow, 40 miles to the south of Hunan, via Fingehih and Lochang, as soon as the 19th Division under Li Yang-king arrives at Shikuan to form the main force.

The 19th Division under Li Yang-king has been ordered to march to Chowsun to reinforce the 6th and 8th Divisions. The 19th Division has been ordered to march to Chowsun to reinforce the 6th and 8th Divisions.

PRAYA BLAZE.

Fine Work by Naval Ordnance Department.

HECTIC HALF-HOUR.

A spectacular fire, which at one time looked as if it might have serious and even terrible results,

broke out this morning on the new reclamation in Wanchai, almost opposite to the Royal Naval Canteen.

The P.W.D. have a large number of tarred pipes stacked here, and suddenly, according to an eye-witness, they were seen to be afire. Within a few minutes a huge sheet of flame enveloped the pipes, and clouds of thick black smoke rolled across the road, causing considerable alarm to property-owners on the old Praya.

Ordnance Men's Work.

The wind carried the flames in the direction of the Naval Ordnance Department, but the staff, with most commendable promptness, had already "stood to" with hoses, and they proceeded to play upon the yard and the boundary wall, afterward tackling the remaining stack of pipes that seemed likely to be involved.

Eye-witnesses state that the fire started at 10.55 a.m. and by 11 o'clock, only five minutes afterward, the Naval Ordnance staff were busy fighting the flames. The fire appliance from Wanchai arrived about 11.10, and one from Central at 11.20, by which time the sharp outbreak was well under control.

Engine "Runs Amok."

One appliance which left Central had a mishap when it failed to make the turn up to Queen's Road from the Supreme Court with the result that it crashed into the standard in the middle of the road, and continued on to the footpath outside the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground. Fortunately nobody was injured, although the derelict appliance naturally excited considerable attention from passers-by.

A Free Treat!

In the meantime, hundreds of Chinese had gathered at the scene of the blaze, workmen on adjacent buildings "knock-off" en masse in order to enjoy the spectacle.

The terrific heat could be felt fully one hundred yards away, and at one time it appeared advisable to get every one out of the Canteen. The work of the Ordnance Department, however, had its effect after the first few minutes, and the fire was got in hand within a comparatively short time.

Exactly how the fire began is not known, but it provided residents and onlookers in the district with a decided thrill, coupled with not a little apprehension.

Eye-witnesses are loud in their praise of the work done by the Ordnance Department, which they say undoubtedly prevented far more serious consequences.

The blaze was finally extinguished about 11.25.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Today, Ho Yung appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on charges of assaulting a Chinese married woman with intent to do her grievous bodily harm, or to maim, disfigure, or disable her.

Detective-Sergeant Meadows stated that he would like the case to be taken as a committal one, and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing.

His Worship intimated that his first free afternoon was June 17, which he accordingly fixed, as well as June 19, at 2.15 p.m. also.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

The Koninklijke Paketvaart Mantschappij's gross profits amount to \$1,206,000 compared with \$1,200,000 previously. The dividend is maintained at 14 per cent.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

A Bill has been introduced to authorise the exploration of oil by the Dutch Colonial Oil Company in six grounds and the Bataviache Oil Company in ten grounds in the Dutch East Indies.

Rangoon, Yesterday.

The Governor has appointed a Conciliation Board to work out details of a settlement of the troubles by allocating a portion of ships to Burmese

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Sunrise Sunset
May 1 5.39 7.03
30 5.39 7.03
31 5.39 7.03

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of June, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contour	Slope	Aspect	Annual Rainfall	User Price
			N.	E.	S.	W.					
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about				
			As per sale plan.	14,000	12	12					

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contour	Slope	Aspect	Annual Rainfall	User Price
			N.	E.	S.	W.					
		Near Island Lot Kennedy Road	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about				
			As per sale plan.	14,000	12	12					

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:

Prosperity, from Bombay.

Aristotle, from London.

Cocksure, from Bruxelles.

S. LACK, Superintendent

Hong Kong, May 29, 1930.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD. OF DENMARK

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:

Arthur Brearley, Peninsula, from Tientsin.

Yes, from Seattle Wen.

Knee High from San Francisco.

Swenyliad, from Kamakura.

Maru Osezaiki Radio.

Swenyliad, from Moji.

China, from Amoy.

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent

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GENERAL NOTICES

HERIOTONIANS.

HERIOTONIANS — To enable JUNE DAY to be celebrated in the traditional way it has been decided to hold a dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Monday, June 2, at 8 p.m.

All HERIOTONIANS are requested to communicate with A. N. Braude, c/o H.K. Telephone Co.

HONG KONG FLYING CLUB.

OPENING CEREMONY NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 4th June, 1930, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1930.

SPORT NOTICES

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

VILLAGE WIPE OUT:

47 DEATHS.

DISASTER IN JAVA.

Semarang, May 19.

A stream of mud from the side of the mountain Telemojo has wiped out the whole of the village of Likasan, in Mid-Java. Forty-seven of the inhabitants perished, and only five managed to escape from the terrible avalanche.

The road near the mountain village of Salatiga was destroyed for a distance of seven miles, and many bridges collapsed.

It appears that the disaster was not caused by volcanic activity.

Heavy rains during the last few days had resulted in the accumulation of an enormous quantity of mud on the side of the mountain,

and this was suddenly loosened and poured down to the valley,

transforming the small mountain river into a veritable stream of death several miles wide.

Bodies Buried Under Mud.

The death roll is estimated at

47. Five bodies have been recovered,

and others are still buried under the mud or have been swept into the morass in which the mud stream finished its course.

Rescue parties are experiencing

very great difficulties owing to the thickness of the layer of mud.

When the stream broke loose,

heavy, sinister rumblings were heard, terrifying the inhabitants.

A mother and two children had a miraculous escape. They hid in a chest, and were afterwards found by rescuers unharmed.

The authorities are providing

foodstuffs and shelter.—Straits Times.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

Manager of Health Bureau.

22 CHARGES PREFERRED.

Kwok Chan-sing, described as manager of the Health Service Intelligence Bureau, Wyndham Street, was produced before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham yesterday.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above company will be held at the company's offices, P. & O. Building on WEDNESDAY, June 4, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the general manager together with a statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1929.

The transfer books of the company will be closed from 29th of May to 4th June, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hong Kong, 17th May, 1930.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the company will be held at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th June, 1930, at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, passing the accounts, and electing directors and auditors.

The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 11th June to 2nd July, 1930, both days inclusive.

By order of the board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hong Kong, 28th May, 1930.

Dated the 21st day of May, 1930.

By order of the stewards, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 14th June.
HAROZAKI MARU	Saturday, 28th June.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
TANGO MARU	Tuesday, 24th June.
MANILA.	
TENYO MARU	Friday, 6th June.
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SADO MARU	Wednesday, 11th June.
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+ HAKODATE MARU	Sunday, 6th June.
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RIO DE JANEIRO MARU	Friday, 13th June.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CELEBES MARU	Tuesday, 3rd June.
SUMATRA MARU	Thursday, 19th June.
OURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAH-ES-SALAAM, ZANZI.	
BAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
GANGES MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
TACOMA MARU	Wednesday, 18th June.
FICTION, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from	
Seattle.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
SYDNEY MARU	Friday, 6th June.
HONG KONG—Via Huchow & Pakho.	
MENADJO MARU	Thursday, 12th June.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.	
HAGUE MARU	Sunday, 1st June.
JAPAN PORTS.	
BORNEO MARU	Friday, 6th June.
ATLAS MARU	Wednesday, 11th June.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 1st June, 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 8th June, 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 5th June, Noon.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	
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AMSTERDAM'S NEW LOCK.

ADDITION TO PORTS FACILITIES.

The opening by the Queen of Holland of the new entrance lock to the North Sea Canal, leading to the port of Amsterdam, is an event of outstanding importance in commercial and shipping affairs. The lock is of gigantic size, far exceeding anything of the kind hitherto constructed; it has taken ten years to build, and the cost has been about 18 million guilders, say a million and half sterling.

Although not ranking on precisely the same level with the three great seaports of North-Western Europe, Amsterdam, the commercial metropolis of Holland, has a considerable volume of overseas trade which entitles it to a prominent place in the European hierarchy. This trade which has accrued to the city through centuries of historical vicissitudes, entails upon its authorities no little responsibility in these modern times in maintaining a standard of accessibility and accommodation commensurate with the rapid advances in shipbuilding. Unfortunately, Amsterdam is not favourably endowed by nature with its needs and its ambitions as a port.

As far back as the beginning of the 19th century it was recognised that the Zuider Zee afforded no suitable approach, nor means of providing one, for the larger class of vessels frequenting the port. Artificial measures were inevitable, and the Great North Holland Sea Canals was constructed from Nieuwied, near the Texel Roads, with a length of 49 miles and a serviceable draft of 17 feet. It was opened in 1825, and sufficed for barely 30 years, when conditions again became difficult.

Canal Opened in 1876.

An old scheme of making a short cut direct to the North Sea was then revived, and in 1863 it was decided to construct a canal with an outlet on the western seaboard, including a harbour and lock entrances at the little village (as it then was) of Ymuiden. This canal was constructed and opened in 1876. It has a length of 15½ miles, an enlarged bottom to width of 164 feet, and it now affords passage to vessels drawing up to about 31 or 32 feet.

The water in the canal is impounded at fairly constant level, which relieves it from the tidal fluctuations (normally between 5 and 6 feet) of the North Sea and makes the stretch of water from Ymuiden to Amsterdam practically a large inland dock. At the time of its construction it was provided with a couple of entrance locks, the larger of which was 394 feet long by 60 feet wide, with a depth of 26½ feet over sill. These dimensions soon proved to be too small, and within 20 years a new and larger lock had to be provided. It was constructed alongside the existing pair and given dimensions 737 feet by 81 feet, with a depth of 33 feet over sill. It was brought into use in 1896.

Again, shipping developments rapidly overtook the accommodation provided. The early years of the 20th century witnessed a rapid increase in size of vessels, and in 1909 it was recognised that further measures would have to be deferred until its close. By 1919 the situation demanded prompt attention, and in that year was commenced the undertaking which is now at the point of completion and

which it is expected to put into commission before the end of the current year.

Unique and Unapproachable.
The new lock has a length of 400 metres (1,312 feet), a width of 50 metres (164 feet), and a depth of water over sill of 15 metres (59 feet). It far exceeds in size the locks of the Panama Canal (1,000 feet by 110 feet by 42 feet), and also those of the Kaiser Wilhelm or Kiel Canal (1,083 feet by 148 feet, by 45 feet). As a great ship canal lock, in fact, the new structure stands unique and unapproachable. The Gladstone Lock at Liverpool is of notable size: 1,070 feet long by 130 feet wide, but it is scarcely comparable with the Ymuiden Lock.

Striking in addition to the port facilities of Amsterdam indicates a profound faith on the part of its administrators in the future development of the port and the part it is destined to play in commerce during the years that are to come. Up to the present its shipping and trade returns have only been of moderate dimensions compared with those of its three great competitors in the North-West of Europe, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp, handling goods at their respective quays of the order of 20 to 40 million tons per annum. At Amsterdam the quantity is in the neighbourhood of 5 to 6 millions. Yet these figures, relative in themselves, fail to take into account many factors which make for the prosperity of a port, and which cannot be overlooked in estimating its prospects.

Amsterdam has a great number of warehouses and an appreciable entrepot trade, which signifies much more business than the simple transhipment of goods overland, such as is largely characteristic of Rotterdam, and swells its enormous total with tonnages destined, not for the port itself but for the great inland industrial centres served by the waterways of the Rhine and its tributaries. Amsterdam is most akin perhaps to Hamburg, the great entrepot port of Western Europe, with its numerous waterside warehouses and "fleets" bordered stores, in which are housed huge quantities of goods for local marketing and consumption. Amsterdam is a very important centre for trade in tobacco, coffee, chinaware, bark, rubber, cocoas, sugar, timber, copra, oranges, splices, dried fruits and rice.

The North Sea Canal has proved an asset of the greatest value to the port, and has altogether superseded the approaches by the North Holland Canal and the Zuider Zee, though these still remain in operation for the smaller classes of vessels frequenting the port. The tonnage of shipping entering the port via the North Sea Canal has increased consistently many times over since 1876, despite the setback and almost total cessation of movement during the war. The canal has been deepened in accordance with the dimensions of new lock. Provisionally a depth of 12.50 metres (41 feet) is being provided, to be increased ultimately to 15 metres (50 feet).

A notable feature of the Amsterdam shipping traffic is the number of regular lines, in which there is a resemblance to Antwerp. Many of them are engaged on services to and from Great Britain and British Dominions and Colonies. Liverpool has a weekly service; London three or four services a week. Other services run to Hull, Leith, Manchester, Dublin, Bristol, Swansea, Plymouth and Cork.

EMPERESS OF BRITAIN

To Be Launched by
Prince of Wales.

Montreal, Quebec.
An announcement here by President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to act as sponsor for the Empress of Britain, new Canadian Pacific liner which will be launched on the Clyde on June 11.

Expressing gratification that His Royal Highness has promised to find time for this event, Mr. Beatty says that his action is a royal compliment to Canada as much as to the Canadian Pacific.

The launching of the 40,000-ton liner will open a new epoch in Canadian trans-Atlantic traffic, President Beatty states. Her speed will make possible a crossing of five days, and she will greatly shorten the journey between Europe and Canada and the middle and western United States. The Empress of Britain will be 700 feet in total length, 97½ feet in beam, and she will have a speed of 24 knots. Passengers accommodated in 1,000 staterooms will be provided for in the liner's 1,000-ton capacity. The liner will be the first new Empress to be built by John Brown and Sons on the Clyde.

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Singapore residents who were the guests of the Rotterdam Lloyd Royal Mail Line at lunch or tea on board the new motor ship Balorean, outward bound to the Dutch East Indies on her voyage, left with a sigh.

"Wish we were coming with you", they said, with conviction but no originality, for the luxury, comfort, spaciousness, beauty and charm of this giant 17,000-ton liner make one feel like that.

There is something distinctly "trans-Atlantic" about the Balorean. "She's big," you think, as you look up at her from the wharf-side, towering above you like a four-story building. "She's bigger than I thought," you realise, when once you are on board, climbing the magnificent double staircases which connect the dining room and the various decks. And then, quite naturally, you begin to speculate how easy it would be to lose yourself on board this artistically appointed floating hotel.

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The Kitchens.

But, to the Briton, it is probably the special sports deck—a splendid idea—which makes one of the strongest appeals. Measuring 60 feet by 44 feet this deck is, indeed, an acquisition.

The service department—including a very complete kitchen, sculleries, pantries, ovens, cooking galleries and a laundry—leaves nothing to be desired and everything in it is kept spotlessly clean. But what pleases the ladies most is a completely equipped ironing-room for the use of the passengers.

The Cabins.

But the traveller looks first to the cabins and, here again, the Balorean scores. In all she can carry 636 passengers—238 first class, 280 second, 70 third and 48 fourth. Of the 160 cabins in the first class no fewer than 82 are single berth cabins, the remainder all being double cabins.

In the second saloon a feature is the unusually large number of double deck cabins in which accommodation for 180 of the 280 passengers is provided. And the cabins, too, are large and well-appointed.

The Engine Room.

No account of the Balorean would be complete without a reference to the engine room, which is a marvel of compactness and gigantic, incomprehensible complexity. The main engine-room rather reminds one of a cathedral full of machinery. Climbing three or four flights of stairs to the dome, as it were, one looks down dizzy, into the depths, —without the faintest glimmering of enlightenment, in spite of careful explanations, upon the source from which springs the power which drives 17,000 tons through the water at 19 knots. One then wipes one's fingers with a piece of cotton waste.

Then one can descend into "the crypt" and take quite a long walk by the side of one of the two ponderous propeller shafts to the point where it disappears out through the stern. If only one could understand it all a visit to such an engine-room would be a liberal education. In any case it helps to take the conceit out of one.

The Officers and the Crew.

When one has said a few words concerning the Balorean, what can one say of the officers and those members of the crew with whom one came in contact?

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KARMAKA	9,128	6th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	11th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MOREA	10,954	20th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	4th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	18th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,085	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,948	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MOREA	9,114	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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The New York city authorities, having in mind the high efficiency of the two other units of the fire-fighting fleet, both about 20 years old, but rated at 100 per cent. since being reconditioned by the Todd Shipyards Corporation and equipped with the Todd oil-burning system four years ago, decided to make a similar installation on the John Purroy Mitchel.

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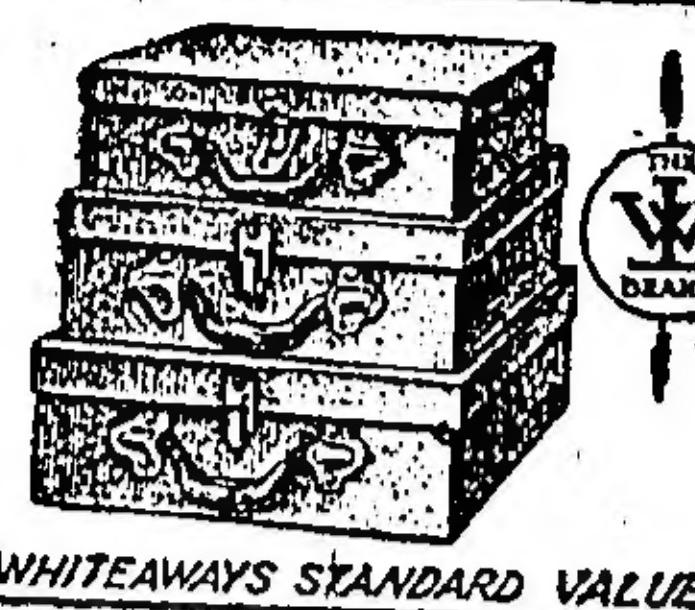
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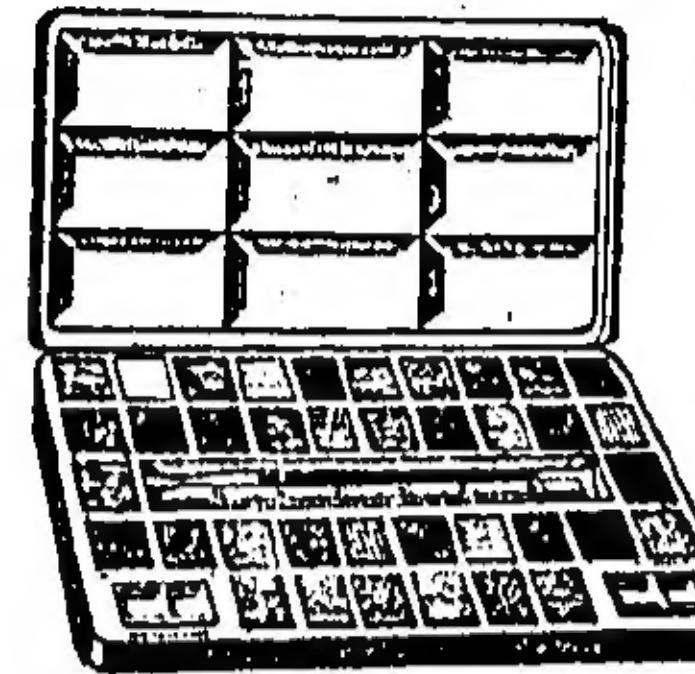
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DEATH

MAY.—On May 27, in England, following an operation, Esme, beloved wife of George Thomas May, A. P. Co., Hong Kong. Deeply regretted.

Hong Kong, Friday, May 30, 1930.

EDUCATION.

No nation may be called great which neglects its children. Had not Great Britain, a century or so ago, repealed those Acts under which children were allowed to work in mines and factories under the age of twelve, she might now bow her head in shame. It is the boast of our politicians, however, that we do look after our children. In recent years many of the much-needed reforms in regard to minors have owed their birth to the inspired energies of women, such as Miss Margaret Bondfield, Lady Astor, Mrs. Phillipson, and others. Lady Astor's Bill, prohibiting the sale of liquor to persons under the age of seventeen on licensed premises, was a tour de force for the feminist cause as well as a notable addition to the moral achievements of post-war legislation. There have been other enactments of which our century has every reason to be proud, but that a great deal of ground has still to be covered is shown by the fact that only after fervid pleas and persuasions has the Government at last deemed to consider the substitution of a longer period of education for children instead of leaving them to receive the dole. Under the Government's Educa-

are too many failures in life not to blame our educational system; and the family system is equally at fault. There is not sufficient co-operation between the teacher and the parent, the more ignorant of whom still regard the compulsory element in State education as something opposed to their interests and those of their children. Until this mediaeval attitude is changed little can be done to better the present system, in spite of the tears of patient teachers and the occasional grants of benevolent Governments.

News in Brief

The Netherland Indian Government has rescinded the quarantine measures against Amoy, declared a plague-infected port on May 17.

The *China Mail* has received a copy of the May issue of the Yellow Dragon from Queen's College. In addition to the usual school notes a long instalment is published of an article on "A Glimpse of the West River."

Mr. D. Kinloch, of 376 The Peak, has reported to the Police the loss of an Axminster carpet, which is stated to have been either stolen or lost while in transit from his residence to Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. Limited, to be dry-cleaned.

A Chinese constable, while on patrol in the Peak district, found some seductive papers and took them to the Central Police Station. In connection with this a Chinese has been arrested and is being detained for further enquiries.

That Britain is declining, historically, relatively, and in many other respects, was a motion which was carried by 11 votes to 8 at a debate by members of the St. Andrew's Club last night. The proposition was led by the Rev. E. A. Armstrong, while the opposition was led by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers.

A free licence and \$2 capital money was ordered by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, to-day, to be paid to out of the Court's poor box to a Chinese boy who was charged before him with hawking without a licence. The boy's mother, who said that she was 55 years of age and infirm, pleaded for leniency for her son, who was driven to hawk because he had nothing to eat.

That Indian Policemen were noted for their messing up of cases and appearance as bad witnesses, was a comment made by Sergeant Barnicle to-day, when Mr. Whyte-Smith discharged a Chinese, charged with hawking bean curd without a licence, on the ground that the evidence given by an Indian P.C. was a little doubtful. His Worship remarked that this constable had given unsatisfactory evidence in one or two cases before.

LEPER BEGGAR.

A Nuisance in Queen's Road.

AUTHORITIES' QUANDARY.

A Chinese leper was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with begging in Queen's Road.

Sub-Inspector Dick stated that he had himself taken compassion on the accused and given him \$1 on two occasions, to get out of the Colony, being 60 cents for fare on a native junk, and 40 cents for food during the trip. However, he persisted in returning.

Because of his disease, the accused could not be sent to the jail, and the Police were at a loss to know what to do with him.

There is a leper settlement in Canton to which lepers were sent formerly, but now accommodation there is so taxed that no more can be admitted unless a special paper is obtained from a Missionary Society.

GRUESOME EXHIBITION.

The accused made himself a regular nuisance in Queen's Road Central exhibiting the stumps of his hands. When arrested he had a hat in which were about 70 cents in copper coins.

The Inspector added that he did not know what other money the accused had on his person, remarking: "Personally I would not care to search him." They could send the accused to Deep Bay as the most inexpensive means of getting rid of him, but from experience it was practically useless, because it was found that beggars who were sent there usually managed to conceal themselves on a ferry launch or other craft and return to Hong Kong, sometimes even before the Police launch which had taken them out had come back!

A STERN WARNING.

He suggested that the best that could be done with the accused was for the Magistrate to administer a stern warning, then the

Police could lock him up in an isolated cell pending arrangements for sending him away again.

The Magistrate took this course and warned the accused that, if he was found in the Colony again, all his money would be taken away from him.

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

PLAN UNDER WHICH BRITAIN WOULD HAVE TO KEEP OUT.

M. POINCARE'S CRITICISM.

Paris, Yesterday. Commenting on M. Briand's plan for a United States of Europe, M. Raymond Poincare thinks that the welcome accorded to it by the nations to which it was addressed was polite but generally not encouraging. It has

U.S. NAVAL POWER IN THE FAR EAST.

"SHOULD HAVE A HARD TIME IN WINNING A WAR."

ADMIRAL'S OUTBURST.

Washington, Yesterday. The Senate Naval Committee has concluded the hearing of evidence in regard to the London Treaty. The final witness included Admiral Robison, who testified that the United States would get insufficient eight-inch guns and too many six-inch. He urged that the concessions to Japan under the Treaty amounted to a partial surrender of American sovereignty in the Philippines. "We are worse off in every combatant vessel. We shall find ourselves in insurmountable difficulties in the Far East. I don't mean that we should lose a war, but we should have a hard time winning it."

Two Senators expressed the opinion that the reservations to the Treaty were necessary. The Senate passed a Bill providing \$80,000,000 for the Navy. —Reuter's American Service.

NINETEEN WRITS!

Broad Shouldered Man Disputes Them All.

AN INVASION OF WOMEN.

It is not very usual for a defendant to find himself called on to answer to no fewer than nineteen summonses, but such is the unavoidable lot of Tso Yan-pak, who appeared this morning in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The plaintiffs in all these writs are women of the coolie class, and when they paraded before the Puisne Judge this morning, they formed a formidable array.

Mr. R. A. Wadeon, who appeared for the defendant, gave them a good "look-over" and quietly asked his Lordship to fix a date for the hearing of the cases.

The defendant, Mr. Wadeon, said, was the owner of a piece of land. He contracted with a firm of building contractors to build houses thereon. The firm sub-let the contract to another party, and these women were engaged by the sub-contractor, who had since absconded. The women had no right to sue the owner for the recovery of any wages due to them.

When this was interpreted to the women, they shouted out in one voice, that was not the real position. It was true that they were engaged by the sub-contractor, but when they threatened to cease work because they had not been paid and had no money to buy food, the owner came forward and asked them to continue, saying that if they could not get payment from the sub-contractor, he would pay them himself. "A promise is a promise and he must pay," they said!

His Lordship fixed June 4 at 2 p.m. for the hearing of the case. The claims amount in all to about \$600.

Mr. Henry Twitchin, of Portland Place, W., formerly a sheep farmer in Australia, has bequeathed a sum of £100,000 to further the cause of eugenics.

An inquest on the 14-year-old son of the vicar of St. Thomas', Barrowford, who was found hanged at the vicarage, was adjourned. The coroner remarked that there was mystery concerning the tragedy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bethune Campbell, the first woman to argue an appeal before a Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, had a judgment given in her favour.

The Burgomaster of Amsterdam, who is a guest of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied his host on a number of civic engagements.

Ten Years Ago

(From the "China Mail")

May 30, 1920.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/-

The s.s. *Fausang* of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company struck and grounded on the rocks near Hoihow, while en route from Hongkong to Hong Kong, with 2,000 tons of coal.

The Naval authorities have despatched the H.M.S. *Fame* to the scene having on board as passenger Captain Wheeler, the Marine Superintendent of the Indo-China Company.

The European officers are still on board, but the Chinese crew has been brought to Hong Kong. The *Fausang* is a vessel of 3,000 tons. Latest reports indicate that her holds and engine rooms are flooded, and that the ship is quite badly damaged.

"ILL-CONSIDERED COMPETITION."

(Continued from Page 1.)

stands at £235,469, 14s. 8d. and as our Dividend costs us £270,000 it would appear from the Balance Sheet that our interest is £34,530. 4d. less than the Dividend payable. These figures are affected by exchange and do not show the position fully.

As you are aware the Society owns the majority of the shares in five Subsidiary Companies, viz., the British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, the North China Insurance Company, Limited, The Yangtza Insurance Association Limited, and the Far Eastern Insurance Company, Limited. None of these Companies at the present time are paying away more than their interest in Dividend (except the "British Traders") which on the 1928 Account pays a small amount of £576.0s.10d. in excess) and in certain cases they are paying away rather less. If the full interest were paid away by these Companies the interest of the Society would be increased by approximately £20,000 and I therefore estimate that at December 31, 1929, the interest covered the Society's Dividend by all but about £15,000.

In view of the uncertainty of exchange it has been decided not to increase the Dividends of the subsidiary Companies.

You will realise that a large percentage of the silver investments shown in the Balance Sheet at £1,524,419.2s.3d. are represented by holdings in our subsidiary Companies, "The China Fire" and "The Yangtza" and although these Companies' Capitals are in silver you will realise that they have considerable holdings in Gold securities.

Business Transacted.

Commenting now upon the business transacted by the Society, the result of its Marine Underwriting during the years 1928 and 1929, considering the times, has not been unsatisfactory, although after payment of our final Dividend for 1928 owing to the drop in exchange the amount carried to Underwriting Suspense Account is less than in the preceding year. Our Underwriting Suspense Account however is in a strong position to meet third year's claims as these occur.

Profit Maintained.

A pleasing feature of our Report is that we have been able to maintain our profit on the 1929 Account as at December 31 1929 as compared with the 1928 Account at the end of the first year, the balance being £40,750.1s.4d. this being an increase over the previous year notwithstanding the decrease in the Sterling value of the Dollar and the consequent decrease in the Sterling equivalent of our interest.

The combined result of our Fire and General business for the year 1929 was not unfavourable and left a fair profit after setting up all the necessary reserves.

Society's Strong Position.

Our business is well spread and world-wide and the Society is in a good position to reap the benefit of any improvement in general conditions. I am confident that our organisation throughout the world is well set up and controlled, and I have every confidence that the prosperity of the Society will respond to improved trading conditions.

Investments.

Turning now to our Investments it will be of interest to Shareholders to know that the market value of the investments held by the Society and its Affiliated Companies on December 31 last, issued in Great Britain and comprising British Government and other first class Sterling Securities, amounted approximately to £940,000.

This figure shows a depreciation of about £43,000 as compared with the prices ruling on December 31, 1928. As you are aware, prices of first class securities in the London Market for various reasons were low at the close of the year. There has, however, been a good recovery since that date.

American Holdings.

The Society and its Affiliated Companies have investments in the United States of America totalling a little over one million Sterling these being made up of Government Securities, Railroad Bonds, a limited number of Debentures in high class Public Utility Companies and in a few Industrial undertakings.

The excellence of our Securities in that country is borne out by the fact that the debacle which occurred last year on the New York Stock Exchange did not affect our position, our Stocks showing at the end of the year an appreciation on their purchase price and further we have not a single Security in that Country which is not paying its interest in full. The Society's Investments are very carefully looked after by your United States Manager, Messrs. Marsh & McLeish, Inc.

Paying Securities.

It will further interest you to know that, with the exception of some small holding in certain securities purchased prior to the Great War and which are valued in our Books at £4,123.0s.4d. we have not a Security on the Books of the

Manuk, seconded by Mr. A. D. Humphreys.

The Chairman intimated that dividend warrants were ready.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, J. A. Plummer, D. O. Russell, J. F. Warren (Directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

Shareholders present were the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, G. S. Archibald, J. D. Butcher, B. M. C. da Cunha, N. V. A. Croucher, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, L. G. S. Dodwell, R. A. Dastur, F. M. Ellis, John Fleming, A. H. Ferguson, H. C. Gray, W. F. Gardner, A. D. Humphreys, Ho Kom-tong, O. B. E., J. H. Little, M. Manuk, James Park, F. H. Rolfe, V. R. V. Ribeiro, O. F. Ribeiro, L. E. N. Ryan, C. Savard Remedios, F. W. Stapleton, E. H. S. Summers, V. F. Soares, T. H. R. Shaw, M. A. R. Souza, Sum Pak-ming, Allan Stevenson, and K. Stuart Smith.

Staff Changes.

Since we last met Mr. E. W. C. de Gyulay has retired from his position of General Manager for Australia and his resignation was accepted by your Board with regret. Mr. Gyulay was first engaged by the Society in 1907 and has given devoted and efficient service. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a very happy retirement.

Mr. Trevor Gould, the Assistant General Manager for Australasia, has been appointed to the post vacated by Mr. Gyulay and Mr. R. C. Langton has recently been appointed Assistant General Manager in the place of Mr. Gould. We all wish these gentlemen success in their new appointments.

Seconder's Speech.
Mr. A. H. Ferguson, in seconding the motion, said:—

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen:—It gives me great pleasure to second the Report and the Accounts.

We have been given ample time to examine the figures, and it is most gratifying to learn the satisfactory financial position, not only of the Society itself, but of its affiliated Companies.

We have listened with great interest to the very able speech from the Chair. It cannot be expected with a trade depression existing all over the world that insurance business should be immune or be totally unaffected thereby.

It is however rather to be deplored in the period under review that a great deal of ill-considered competition has in some branches of insurance at least, reduced premium to a point hardly commensurate with the risks involved. Nevertheless we are pleased to give you our assurance that tendencies are apparent that underwriters generally are more prone to watch the statistics of their business which we trust will tend to stop what you have termed haphazard underwriting and enable Insurance Companies to obtain a more reasonable return for their services.

Gold Investments.

When we turn to the large Gold Investments the Society possesses the Shareholders must wish to convey their high appreciation and thanks to the General Manager and those working with him, for the sound manner in which the investments of the Society and its affiliated Companies have been selected. The depreciation in the value of London holdings at the end of 1929 is considerable but a large portion of this amount will have already been recouped in the quotations ruling to-day.

It is most gratifying to learn, Sir, that with regard to our investments in the United States, amounting to over one million pounds Sterling, the value of these stocks in spite of the debacle in the New York Stock Exchange last October, did not affect our position. The depreciation in the value of London holdings at the end of 1929 is considerable but a large portion of this amount will have already been recouped in the quotations ruling to-day.

I now move that the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. G. S. Archibald, and carried unanimously.

The retiring Directors, Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren, were re-elected, as were the Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead & Davis.

Those Present.

Those present were the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, J. A. Plummer, D. O. Russell, J. F. Warren (Directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

Shareholders present were

Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, G. S.

Archibald, A. E. S. Alves, John

Bentley, N. V. A. Croucher,

B. M. C. da Cunha, F. M. Ellis,

John Fleming, F. H. Farne, and

H. C. Gray.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes,

chairman of the Company, in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, at the meeting this morning, said:

Gentlemen:—The Report and Accounts were issued on May 9, which will give you time to study the figures. I propose, therefore, to follow the usual practice and take them, as well as the Auditors' Report, as read.

The Working Account for the year 1928 after payment of an Interim Dividend of 5 Shillings per share and a Bonus of 20 per cent. to Contributors, passed at the last Annual Meeting, shows a balance of £46,789.12.6 and your Directors recommend that a final Dividend of 4 Shillings per Share on 98,000 Shares be paid to Shareholders, as

advised upon the proposal of Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, seconded by Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, the retiring Directors, Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren, were re-elected.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, were re-elected.

Other Business.

Upon the proposal of Mr.

H. B. L. Dowbiggin, seconded by

Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, the retiring

Directors, Messrs. J. A. Plummer

and J. P. Warren, were re-elected.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe,

Bingham & Matthews and Messrs.

Linstead & Davis, were re-elected.

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SHADOWS BEFORE**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL****SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.**

To-day—Tea and Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel, 5 and 8.30 p.m. respectively.

To-day—H. K. V. D. C. dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Idle Rich."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Girl on the Barge."

To-day—World Theatre, "Tide of Empire," 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Great Success" (Chinese picture), 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Patriot."

Home, Mills.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Suva Maru), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from America and ports and Europe via Siberia (President Harrison); from Europe via Nagapatnam (Jeyoper).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Khyber), 10.30 a.m. Land Sales.

June 2—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Mong Kok and Kennedy Road, respectively, 3 p.m.

SPORTS.

See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To-day—Presentation to Mr. Ralphs by members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong Hotel, 6.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Opening of Hong Kong Flying Club's Premises, 4 p.m. June 4—Ladies' whist Drive, Police Recreation Club, 3.30 p.m.

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-9 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records by courtesy of Anderson Music Company:—

7 p.m.—"Pagliacci"—Selection (Leoncavallo),

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra, conducted by Percy Pitt.

7.08 p.m.—"Funny Face"—A Few Drinks" (Gershwin, Carter & Gershwin),

"Funny Face—Tell the Dog" (Gershwin, Carter & Gershwin), Leslie Henson and Male Quartette with Novelty Orchestra.

7.16 p.m.—"Broadway"—Selection (Gottlieb, Mitchell & Conrad), Regal Cinema Orchestra, conducted by Emanuel Starkey.

7.24 p.m.—"The Merchant of Venice" (F. Rosse), Organ Solo by Quentin M. MacLean.

7.40 p.m.—"You Know What I Mean" (Milton Hayes), "The Meanderings of Monty" (Milton Hayes), Monologue by Milton Hayes.

7.46 p.m.—"Scene de Ballet" (de Berio, arr. W. Sear), Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (J. H. Squire Celeste Octet).

7.54 p.m.—"Sunny-side Up," Selection (de Sylva, Brown & Henderson), Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—"Little Fal" (de Sylva, Brown & Henderson & Johnson), Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with Piano.

8.00 p.m.—"Air Minchaivin" (Waller, Brooks & Razaf), "Tondelyo" (Hill & Gay), Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with Piano.

8.12 p.m.—"Come on Baby" (Gottlieb, Clare & Pinkard), "Tip Top," (Razaf & Demarest), Tris Sisters, Comedettes, with Orchestra.

8.18 p.m.—"Military March" (Specially arranged) (Tempo 120).

8.00 p.m.—"Little Fal" (de Sylva, Brown & Henderson & Johnson), Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with Piano.

8.00 p.m.—"Bird Songs at Eventide" (Eric Coates).

c) "O Peaceful England" (German), Madame Alice Hamilton.

8.28 p.m.—"Bourree" (Gigue) Edward German.

The Orchestra, Orchestral Conductor: Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.

10.30 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

The Orchestra.

Contralto Solos:

a) "Sincerity" Emilio Clark.

b) "Bird Songs at Eventide" Eric Coates.

c) "O Peaceful England" German, Madame Alice Hamilton.

10.18 p.m.—"Edward German."

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10.07 p.m.—"Down in the Forest" Landon Ronald.

b) "Blackbird's Song" Cyril Scott.</p

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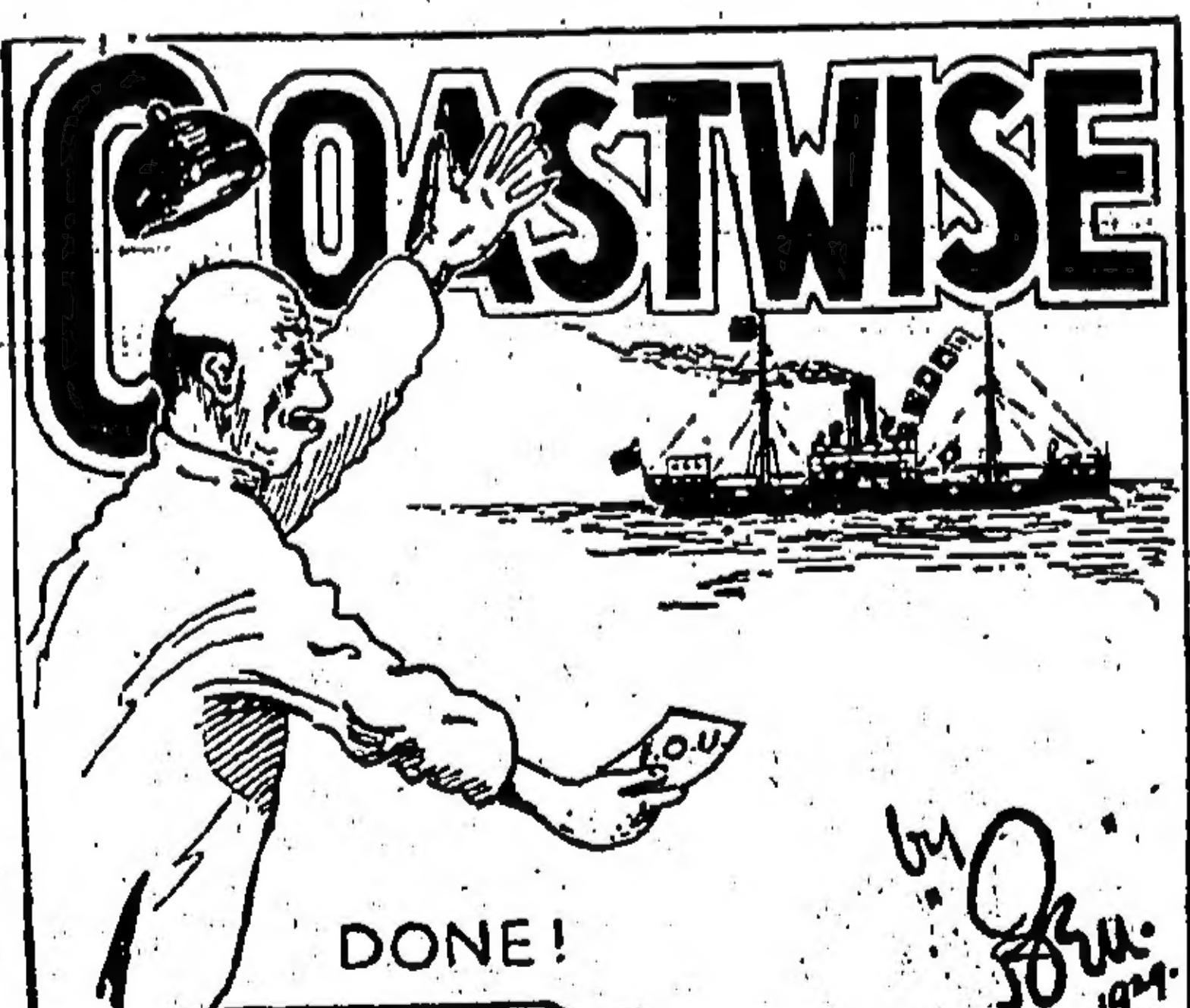
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AUSSIES' FOURTH VICTORY.

OXFORD TROUNCED.

NOTTS TWO DAY SUCCESS!

London, Yesterday.
[The Australians defeated Oxford University by an innings and 158 runs.]

Declaring at their overnight total of 406-2, the Australians gained an innings victory over Oxford University. C. V. Grimmett was again deadly, and was largely responsible for Oxford's low total, taking 5 wickets for 48 runs out of a total of 124. Following on, requiring 282 runs to save the innings defeat, the Varsity were soon in trouble and were dismissed for their first innings' total. T. Wall, the tourists' last bowler claimed 4 wickets for 29 runs.

This two day victory comes as a welcome rest to the travel worn visitors, and a rest of any duration.

BATTING.

W. H. Ponsford 220* Australians
S. McCabe ... 91 Australians
A. Kippax ... 56* Australians
* denotes not out.

BOWLING.

Barratt ... 5-24 Notts
C. V. Grimmett 5-48 Australians
Vose ... 4-23 Notts
T. Wall ... 4-29 Australians

NOTTS SECOND IN TABLE.

Innings' Victory.

[Notts defeated Glamorgan by an innings and 126 runs.]

Notts once again forced a win in two days, this time at the expense of Glamorgan. The visitors took first knock at Trent Bridge and compiled 231. Notts, on going to the wicket, were able to declare their innings closed at 443-9. Requiring 212 to save the innings' defeat, the visitors collapsed in a startling manner before the bowling of Barratt and Vose. Falling by 126 runs, Glamorgan suffered an innings' defeat. Barratt took 5 wickets for 24 runs and Vose 4 for 23. This victory sends Notts up to second place in the Championship table. Lancashire, on account of a no result match at Lord's, hold a four point lead for the same number of matches played. Warwickshire are three points behind the Champions.

Scores—
Glamorgan: 231 and 86.
Notts: 443-9 dec.

Router.

LAWN TENNIS.

Civil Service Beat the Nippon Club.

The match between the Civil Service and the Nippon Club in the “B” Division of the Lawn Tennis League was played yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, the home players getting the point by the odd set:

J. Barrow and D. M. McDougall (C.S.C.C.)—beat Fujieda and Wakata ... 6-3
lost to Takemoto and Nakasato ... 7-0
lost to Yoshikawa and Kinoshita ... 5-7

R. K. Valentine and J. Balfour (C.S.C.C.)—lost to Fujieda and Wakata ... 6-3
lost to Takemoto and Nakasato ... 7-0
beat Yoshikawa and Kinoshita ... 6-2

League Table.

P. W. L. Pts.
Chinese R.C. ... 6 6 0 5
Indian R.C. ... 5 5 0 5
E. Sports Club ... 4 3 1 3
Craigengower G.C. ... 4 3 1 3
Club de Recreio ... 4 3 1 3
United Services R.C. ... 4 2 2 2
Kowloon C.C. ... 4 2 2 2
M.B.K. ... 4 2 2 2
Civil Service C.C. ... 6 1 2 1
South China A.A. ... 3 1 2 1
Hong Kong C.C. ... 4 1 2 1
University ... 5 1 4 1
Nippon Club ... 5 1 5 0
European YMCA ... 5 0 5 0

K.C.C. Teams.
The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in their League fixtures to-morrow:
“A” Division—Versus H.K.C.C. on the K.C.C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—E. C. Flincher and E. F. Grose and J. Mackintosh.

“B” Division—Versus C.S.C.C.

on the K.C.C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—A. T. Lee and W. M. Gittins; F.

Grose and J. Mackintosh.

HOME RACING.

Call Over for the Derby.

DOLIOTE STILL FAVOURITE

London, Yesterday.

The call over for the Derby at the Beaumont Club is as follows:

3 to 1 agst. Doliote t. & 0.
6 to 1 agst. Ruston Pasha, 0; 13
to 2 t.
100 to 9 agst. Silver Flare, 0; 100 to
8 t.
100 to 8 agst. Ballyferis, 0.
100 to 8 agst. Trevo, 0.
100 to 6 agst. Blenheim, 0; 20 to 1 t.
20 to 1 agst. Cheshire, t. & 0.
20 to 1 agst. Hind, 0.
20 to 1 agst. Noble Star, 0.
20 to 1 agst. Scout II, 0.
25 to 1 agst. Pantheon, 0.

“Probables” Revised.

The following are alterations in

the list of probable starters and

jockeys:

Trevo R. Dick
Sponger R. Perryman
Silver Flare Elliott
Sea Rover M. Wing
Carleton Carty
Ballyferis H. Graves
Cartello C. Richards
Grand Salute G. Richards
Lansdowne H. Wrack
Strong Bow R. Dick
Parthenon H. Beasley
Noble Star J. Jelliss
Seer A. Wrack
Tetragon R. Jones
Ilad F. Winter
Adon Joe Childs
Dick Swiveller Pat Beasley
Fried Fox —Reuter.

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HOME

Golf—To-day and To-morrow—Amateur Champion-

ship, St. Andrews.

Cricket—May 31-June 2—

Test Trial Match, England v.

The Rest, Lord's.

June 7 and 9—Sixth Extra

Race Meeting.

BILLIARDS.

C.C.C. and the Filipino Club.

The friendly billiard match was

played at the Craigengower

Cricket Club on Wednesday night

between the C.C.C. and the FI-

lipino Club, resulting in the hosts

defeating their guests by 174

points. About 40 members of

both Clubs sat down for dinner

during an intermission in the

match, and pleasant speeches were

made dwelling on the friendly

rivalry which exists between the

respective clubs.

Detailed scores were—

J. M. V. Ribeiro 150 R. Luis ... 149

E. Zimmett 119 F. Silva ... 150

A. Kitchell 150 E. Nuttal ... 43

J. Soares 150 E. Remedios ... 141

J. Landolt 150 A. Castro ... 102

H. Kew 150 L. E. Remedios ... 110

809 635

K.C.C. Teams.

Flincher, Thomas Lay and A. E.

Guest, W. Hyde and G. Boedker

“B” Division—Versus C.S.C.C.

on the K.C.C. ground at 4.30 p.m.

—L. Jack and R. B. Hamby;

A. T. Lee and W. M. Gittins; F.

Grose and J. Mackintosh.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE.

A TRIO OF MATCHES CONCLUDED.

HOME CLUBS WIN.

Three lawn bowls matches,

which had to be left unfinished

owing to rain last Saturday, were

completed yesterday, and in each

case the home Clubs maintained

the advantage which they held at

the earlier stage. The matches

completed included two games in

Division I, and one in Division II,

the fourth game having been de-

ferred earlier in the week at the

Yacht Club, where the Kowloon

Bowling Green Club won by eight

shots.

DIVISION I.

C.C.C. v. Police R.C.

On the first rink Basa resumed

with a lead of 12-10, but Post

equalised. Basa got a couple of

ones and Post a single. Basa

scored on the last three heads and

won by 20-13.

Omar resumed with a lead of

13-6. After he had scored a

single Hargreaves had the better

of three heads and was only four

behind. Omar scored a 1 and 2;

Hargreaves 2; and Omar a couple

of ones, the latter winning by

19-12.

Bradbury resumed with a lead

of 7-6 and scored 2. Each side

had a 2, followed by 3 for Bradbury

, and 4 for

"ILL-CONSIDERED COMPETITION."

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sorbing £19,200, and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account.

The balance of Working Account for the year 1929 stands at £174,658, 17. 6. Out of this balance your Directors recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of 5 Shillings per Share, absorbing £24,000, and that a Bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to Contributors of business on Bonus terms, absorbing about £10,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Assets In Sterling.

The Accounts of this Company have not been greatly affected by the position of Exchange owing to the fact that such a large proportion of its Assets are in Sterling.

The Working Account Balance for the year 1928 shows approximately the same total as the 1927 Account as at the end of the second year. The 1929 Working Account shows an increase of £10,020. 8. 5. as compared with the 1928 Account as at the same period.

I now move that the Directors

Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. C. Gray, and carried unanimously.

The retiring Directors Messrs. J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren, were re-elected, as were the auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead & Davis.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, J. A. Plummer, D. O. Russell, J. P. Warren (Directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, G. S. Archbutt, John Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, H. C. Gray, and V. R. V. Ribeiro.

MALAYA'S MINES.**The Hottest in the World.****OFFER TO TOURISTS.**

Stretched up and down Malaya, from Slim to within a few miles of the Equator, are the hottest mines in the world; they are the tin mines of the Malayan peninsula and they represent a large part of the Empire's mineral wealth in the Far East.

The mines—and the ore is found in a variety of ways even within the same square mile—are the most fascinating in the world. So interesting and so picturesque are some of the methods of tin-winning and so beautiful are the environments that one tourist agency in Singapore now offers to whisk its clients round one or two tin mines while they are in Malaya. But visitors, on the whole, are few; the heat even on these winter days effectively protects the secrets of the mines.

The quickest and most efficient means of tin mining to-day is dredging. There is something hypnotic about watching the buckets ceaselessly rise from the warm, yellowish water. Often they bring up things other than clay—trunks of trees, relics from another jungle long buried, and often a snake.

It is mostly at night when the dredge whirs and sighs in a blaze of searchlights, that the snakes come aboard. Grey-black cobras, pythons, bright green snakes, and snakes that glisten like the moon—the last horrible but harmless. Only recently a sleepy python had suddenly found himself suspended over two buckets and being carried swiftly upwards. Chinese coolies had half killed and skinned him before he realised what had happened.

Hot though it is under the corrugated iron roof of the dredge, this is as a breath of Everest compared with the interior depths of a lode mine. Even the Chinese coolie, the hardest worker in the world and the strongest, can only bear the incredible heat of these deep mines—there are not many in Malaya—for a few months.

Oh, they are beautiful to look upon, these tin mines of Malaya. There is no smoke, no dust, no dirt.

Tropical wild flowers and flowering trees blazed round the top of this particular mine. Round it all the jungle pressed, waiting perhaps for man to cease his endeavours here, so that it might once more people the little clearing with its greatest extravagances. The last thing seen before the cage descended was a tendrill of orchids and one great yellow flower, slashed with scarlet, like a painted face.

There are pleasanter ways of tin-winning than deep mining. The coolie gathers the ore by playing a monitor—really a majestic kind of garden hose—on to a cliff of tin-bearing ground. A jet of water, at a pressure of 200lb. or more, smashes the ground away like artillery.

Artillery indeed it is, for not many nights ago one coolie playing the monitor against the cliff saw two greenish eyes regarding him from the right. Only one inhabitant of the jungle had eyes like that, the coolie knew, and more in terror than in judgment he turned the "hose" on to the eyes. There was a roar, and silence. In the morning they found the lacerated body of a tiger, so broken that even his skin was valueless.

SIR HUBERT WILKINS**School-Leaving Age to Be Raised.****MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED.**

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Government's Education Bill, which raises the school-leaving age from 14 to 15 years, was debated on the second reading in the House of Commons to-day. The President of the Board of Education, Sir Charles Trevelyan, explaining its scope, said that by giving another year's schooling to

To Explore the Arctic by Means of Submarine.**BORING THROUGH THE ICE.**

Washington, Yesterday.

Sir Hubert Wilkins who, together with several members of



Sir H. Wilkins.

the proposed expedition to the Arctic, recently applied for permission to take the American Navy's obsolete submarine P-12, and convert it into an under-sea craft capable of boring through the ice in the polar regions, has been authoritatively informed that his request will be granted if application is made through the Shipping Board.—Reuter's American Service.

TORIES' LOSS.**Resignation of the Chairman.**

London, Yesterday.

The Rt. Hon. J. C. C. Davidson, chairman of the Conservative Party organisation, seen by Reuter's representative to-day, said he had tendered his resignation to Mr. Baldwin before Easter. Mr. Baldwin was consulting his colleagues on the matter.

The name of Lord Lloyd is mentioned as the possible new chairman.—Reuter.

Bill, as he opposed the compulsory element it contained.

The division on the second reading resulted:

For 280
Against 223

Majority 57
Reuter.

SCARED BY THREATS OF KISSES.**STORIES OF COLONEL LINDBERGH.****EX-AMBASSADOR'S MEMOIRS.**

London, April 17.

An amusing story of Col. Lindbergh, the famous Trans-Atlantic flyer, is told in "Myron T. Herrick, Friend of France," an autobiographical biography by Col. T. Bentley Mott.

When the airman arrived at Le Bourget, all Paris went wild. By the stratagem of a reporter putting on Lindbergh's helmet and leading the crowd away from their quarry, Lindbergh was taken to an office on the grounds.

"While we were talking," Mr. Herrick told the author, "one of the Frenchmen politely pushed a chair up, and suggested that Lindbergh sit down. 'Thank you,' he replied, 'I have been sitting.'

Aviator's Modesty.

Another story illustrates the young aviator's modesty.

"One of Lindbergh's remarks that most deeply impressed me," said Mr. Herrick, "was this reply to some congratulatory comment of mine upon his great feat. He said: 'You must remember, Mr. Ambassador, how much easier it is to fly from New York to Paris than it would be from Paris to New York.'

"The first thing we did was to pay a visit to Mme. Nungesser (whose son had been lost in attempting the east to west flight). She was in a pitiful state of emotion, and begged Lindbergh to find him for her. A large crowd had assembled around the house, and we had some difficulty in making our way through it. Several girls tried to kiss him. He was scared to death."

A Memory of the War.

Mr. Herrick was for many years American Ambassador to France. During the German advance on Paris in 1914, he pluckily remained in the capital with his wife, after the French Government and the Diplomatic Corps had gone to Bordeaux.

"I intended," he said later, "in case the Germans reached the outskirts of the city, and demanded its surrender, to go out and talk with their commander, and, if possible, the Kaiser."

At the time, he said, "Some defender of the law of nations ought to stay. Who will protect your monuments, your libraries? I can speak in the name of the United States, and have no fear. I will find a way to prevent pillage and massacre."

A Story About Edison.

One of Mr. Herrick's favourite stories was about Edison, the inventor. The first words he heard over his phonograph were, "Mary had a little lamb." He was so astonished and overwhelmed by his success, after many hours of final experimenting, without food, that he nearly fainted.

He even thought he was going to die on the spot, and staggering into a friend's house, exclaimed: "If I am going to die, this thing must be known first. It can be done. It has been done."

Had he wished, Mr. Herrick could have stood for, and probably won, the Presidency. In 1920 Senator Harding said to him: "Myron, if you will run, I will not raise my finger to get the nomination."

On this offer he says: "I told him I did not want it, and I told him why."

WHAT IS A LAUGHING JACKASS?

The depth of human vision, sympathy and understanding enjoyed by Post Office officials has often been a mystery to the public. Now this mystery is solved, and in a very convincing manner, too. A set of Civil Service examination questions recently contained these three questions:

1.—What is a laughing jackass?

2.—How far can a rabbit run into a tunnel?

3.—How do pineapples

grow?"

The answers were as follows, and very few were correct:

1.—A bird, and not a quadruped (nor a biped), as some people would have us believe.

2.—A rabbit can run half-way into a tunnel; then it starts to run out."

3.—Pineapples grow like mangoldwurzels.

After questions and answers like these it is easy to understand the extent of the worldly wisdom of the Civil Servant.

SEA-LEOPARD.**Marine Marauder of the Antarctic.**

Oslo, May 1.

The first authentic report of the "Norvegia" expedition to the Antarctic was received when Captain Riiser Larsen and Captain Lutze Holm returned to Oslo the other day. The cruise lasted for four months and included an area from 55 degrees East to 15 degrees West.

"On one occasion," said Captain Larsen, "we were short of coal and had to kill seals and sea-leopards for fuel under the kettles. I have always agreed with those who condemn the killing of animals for such purposes, and I still do, but with one reservation—that sea-leopards should be used as a substitute for coal in the widest possible degree. The sea-leopard is a disgusting beast of prey, far more blood-thirsty than the shark. It is between twelve and fifteen feet long. When we lay off the Bouvet Island and had to row between the ship and the shore the sea-leopards always followed our boat and even attacked the oars. The animals had the biggest jaws and the most awful teeth I ever saw."

"One of the most characteristic features of animal life in the Antarctic is due to the sea-leopard. The seals in the Arctic get into the sea as soon as they scent danger. In the Antarctic it is impossible to make the seals jump into the sea because of their fear of the sea-leopard."

Two of the brothers Sasse, who are suspected of a bank robbery, have again been arrested by the Berlin police in suspicious circumstances.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 30th May, 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Per share	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank \$5	1500	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2d 1st/6/1929
Chartered Bank .....	...	172	Dec.	Dec.	Final 7d 1st/6/1929	Feb. 24, 80
Mercantile Bk., A.A.B. ....	...	29	Dec.	Dec.	Final 10d 1st/6/1929	Apr. 9, 80
C. L.	192	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Final 10d 1st/6/1929	Apr. 9, 80	
Bank of Asia \$10	110	Dec.	8d for 1929	Feb. 28, 80
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. ....	...	900	Dec.	Dec.	Final 8d for 1929	May 10, 80
Union Ins.	\$500	405/00	Dec.	Dec.	[Final 10d 1st/6/1929] - 8d	May 10, 80	
China Underwriters	3.15	...	Dec.	Dec.	None	—	
China Fire Ins.	400	...	Dec.	Dec.	[Final 10d 1st/6/1929]	May 30, 80	
H. K. Fire Ins.	550	650	Dec.	Dec.	8d for 1929	Mar. 26, 80	
Shipping.							
Douglas	23	...	23	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	—	
H. K. Steamboat ...	204	...	Dec.	Dec.	8d for 1924	Mar. 4, 80	
Indo-China (Pref.) ...	48	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	1/2d ex. 2d 1st/6/1929	June 19, 80	
" (Def.) ...	40	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921	—	
Shell Transport ...	88/1	...	Dec.	Dec.	1/2d for 1922	Jan. 6, 80	
Union Waterboat ...	85	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	8d for 1929	Mar. 10, 80	
Mining.							
Bengtuts	71	...	Dec.	Dec.	Interim 15 cents ex 1st/6/1929	Apr. — 80	
Kalian Mining Ad.	178	180	Dec.	Dec.	8d for 1929	Mar. 18, 80	
H. K. & W. Docks ...	5	402	Dec.	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	—	
Langkat (Comb.) ...	265	...	Dec.	Dec.	Final 7d 1st/6/1929	Mar. 21, 80	
" (Singl.) ...	7	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	8d for 1929	Pending	
Shai Exploration ...	1.80	...	Dec.	Dec.	None	—	
" Loans ...	5.05	...	Dec.	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	—	
Rauba	244	...	Dec.	Dec.	Final 10d 1st/6/1929	Pending	
Tromch Mines	217	...	Dec.	Dec.	Interim 4		

"THE STRAITS AT SINGAPORE"

MARITIME LIFE OF THE WORLD AND THE AGES.

The gleaming beach and the palm trees.
The Straits at Singapore.

Like the drawing away of a filmy curtain the shadows lift from the eastern horizon. A streak of crimson deepens rapidly, then changes to gold. A rose tint touches the fleecy monsoon clouds, and the islands are bathed in a soft lavender hue. The gray of the sea yields to a deep purple and then to the turquoise blue of the tropical day. Suddenly, then, following quickly its outriders of crimson and gold, the sun leaps above the horizon. It is morning in the Straits.

Singapore awakes to life. If, indeed, it can truly be said ever to have been asleep. At any rate, the subdued noises of the night, seemingly softened to a dull murmur by the very weight of the thick equatorial darkness, swell into the tumult of the turbulent day in this strange place where twenty tongues clamour for expression. Every teeming street bursts into a bubo-like activity. The legendary tranquillity of the East is markedly absent. White and yellow, black and brown, Chinese and Malay and Indian, and every racial blend that the migrations of men have ever developed mingle in kaleidoscopic activity like to nothing else on earth, when the day begins in Singapore. * * *

As it is ashore, so it is in commensurate degree is it in the Straits, that famous roadstead where daily one may regard the maritime life of the world and the axes. If the picture ashore is unique, so also is the picture afloat. The flags of all nations flutter in the morning breeze from the stern-posts of the luxurious liners of to-day and of the goggle-eyed junks in which the men of Confucius' day braved the typhoons of the China Sea. None but a mariner of the eastern seas can by any chance identify all the national emblems which add their rainbow colours to the rich-hued picture that is the Straits at Singapore.

What, then, is yonder five-striped flag of red, white and blue, which flies from the stern of a neat little passenger steamer? It is the new flag of the Kingdom of Siam, the only absolute monarchy on earth; and it has recently replaced the famous insignia of the white elephant. Ah, yes. But what, in the name of all we thought we had learned at school, is that curious, many-coloured banner astern that other dapper little vessel? That is the flag of the Protectorate of Sarawak, the land of the famous British Rajah, His Highness Charles Vyner Brooke, and that is one of the little fleet of the Sarawak Steamship Company which will take you to little-known ports where primitive people dwell beside unfamiliar seas. * * *

If the wadeslust is wont to trip you at little provocation, be well advised and keep away from Singapore, where there is more provocation than anywhere else on earth. For Singapore is the setting-forth point for such places as you never heard of and would not believe existed until you saw them. A day here and you will realize that the world has its novelty and its romance yet, in spite of modernity penetrating into additional places each year.

Yonder, for example, are half a dozen of the clean little white steamers of the Straits Steamship Company. Any one of them will bear you to such remote, hidden, unheard-of ports as no world cruise has ever made or ever will make. All, about us, here in the roads, are the buff-funnel ships of the Dutch, K.P.M.-Koninklijke Paketvaart-Maatschappij—aboard which you may search out such places as Ambon and Ternate, in the "Spice Isles," Samarinda and Sandakan, in Borneo, penetrate 200 miles up a Borneo river, or find a life that has not altered since the Stone Age on the little-known coast of north-eastern New Guinea.

Close alongside is one of theiam Steam Navigation Company's passenger steamers, which touches Singora, founded by Chinese pirates centuries ago, at Nakawana-tamarat, in southern Siam, and the beautiful port of Hua-hin, on its picturesque way to Bangkok.

The Straits at Singapore here in the junk anchorage, off the eastern end of the Bund, with its hotels and clubs and curious residences, are hundreds of the curious craft of a past age, some of them and, in greater variety even than in Hong Kong or Shanghai. Searchingly their striding, singularly lifelike eyes are at you. For, as the Chinese pertinently puts it:

No have eye, how can see?

No can see, how can savvy?

No can savvy, how can do?

"NOT MENTALLY RESPONSIBLE."

YOUNG BRITON MAKES WRONG BEGINNING.

JUDGE'S LENIENCY.

Selangor, May 21. Charles Brown, a young assistant formerly employed by John Little and Co., was charged at the Selangor Assizes with the theft of jewellery and cash valued at \$1,830 from that firm. Accused pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence.

The Deputy Public Prosecutor, Mr. R. C. Cussen, said that on Monday, March 8, accused lost \$45 or \$50 at the Selangor races. He returned to his boarding house, where a fellow employee named Gaskin also lived, at about six o'clock. When Mr. Gaskin returned from a bath he found that his keys had disappeared from his dressing table. There were two bunches of keys, one of which bore the keys of the outer doors of the store and the other the keys of the branch of which Mr. Gaskin had charge.

STOLE FROM SAFE.

Accused went to the shop and entered. He emerged fifteen or twenty minutes later. He telephoned for a hired car, but left in a rikisha before it arrived. Later in the evening he summoned the car to the Coliseum cafe. While in the shop accused opened a safe with Mr. Gaskin's keys and removed jewellery and cash to the value already stated. Accused was seen on the station platform that evening and was arrested a day or so later at the Raffles Hotel, Singapore, when all the jewellery was recovered, but some of the money had gone.

After corroborative evidence had been called for the prosecution, Brown called several witnesses. Mr. A. E. Bond, director in charge of John Little and Co., Kuala Lumpur, said, in reply to Brown, that he (Brown) had borne a quite satisfactory character up to the time of this offence. It was true that about four months after he arrived accused had a serious motor-cycle accident which necessitated his spending ten days in hospital. Accused came to the firm with very good references.

Brown: Is it true that I have managed to repay everything that was missing?

Mr. Bond replied that only \$60 of the cash remained to be accounted for and the arrangements made by accused did not quite cover that. Accused had a certain amount of money due to him in the provident fund.

In reply to Mr. Cussen, Mr. Bond said that accused worked for five months after his accident and did not seem abnormal in any way.

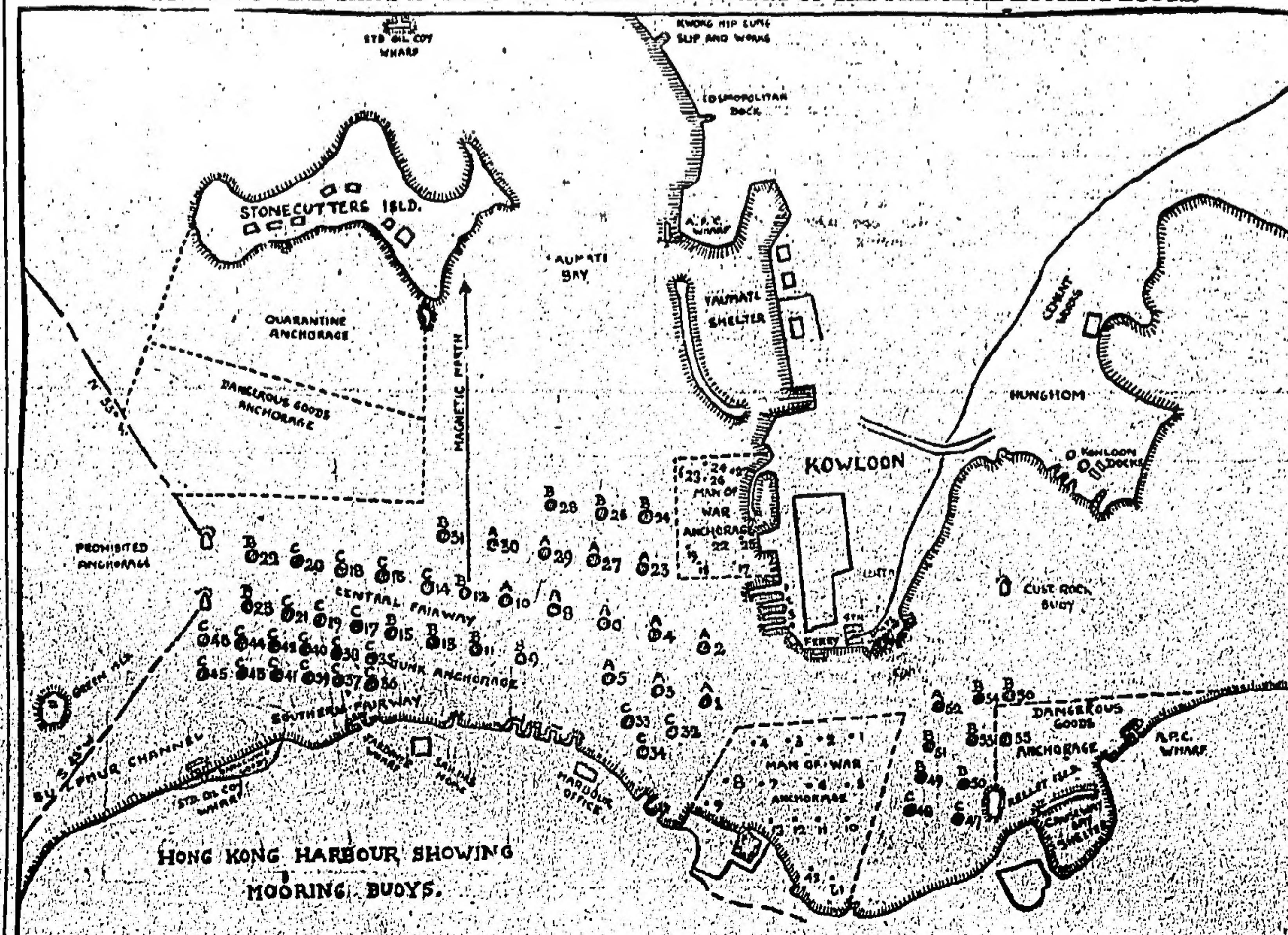
Mr. S. M. Adams, missionary, gave evidence that he came out with Brown on the same ship and had seen him frequently since. He had always known Brown to be of good character and he was surprised and shocked when he read of this affair.

Accused next handed in three references as to character, which his Lordship examined.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. T. E. Wakefield, in charge of the European Hospital, was called at accused's request. He said that accused spent eleven days in hospital with concussion. The Chief Surgeon noted that he "wandered" as a young man.

WHERE TO FIND SHIPS IN HONG KONG HARBOUR. CHART OF THE PRINCIPAL MOORING BUOYS.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

Hollywood Studio Sets Weary Richman.

"PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ."

"Hollywood parties," said Harry Richman, "are exhausting." But he didn't mean the kind one may find in Boulevard apartments and Beverly Hills mansions, but the synthetic variety encountered on studio sets.

They staged a particularly raucous one at the United Artists studios for scenes in "Puttin' on the Ritz," Richman's first starring picture, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. The famous Broadway singer and night club favourite was required to turn up bright and early in the morning, then stop into scenes where he was supposed to be raising the roof, so to speak, in a particularly gay and festive celebration.

While he doesn't contend that this is an experience entirely unknown to him, he does insist that it is a bit trying, after a good night's sleep, to report at work at 9 o'clock of a bright sunny morning and immediately assume a pose of rather alcoholic hilarity.

Roulets, of course, might advance a rather drastic method for overcoming those difficulties, but that, too, has its disadvantages, Richman points out.

"Puttin' on the Ritz" features a cast of many prominent players, Aileen Pringle, Lillian Tashman,

ALL-BRITISH TALKIE.

Empire Film Institute.

The first of a series of Sunday afternoon performances, arranged by the British Empire Film Institute, to demonstrate the progress of picture producing in Britain, drew a large and interested audience on April 27 to the Alhambra, London.

With five items on the programme, all of British origin and each excellent in its own way, pride of place must be given to "Juno and the Paycock." This faithful talking-picture version of Sean O'Casey's story of modern Ireland does honour to all concerned in its production.

A short film, "The Jolly Farmers," also made in the Elstree studios of British International Pictures, includes some typical scenes of rural life in Britain. Two topical films and "The Merlin," one of the "Secrets of Nature" series, completed a programme which must have left on the mind of every one in the theatre the impression that British talking films are really on the high road to success.

Among those present were:

The secretary of State for War and Mrs. Shaw, the President of the Board of Trade and Mrs. Graham, Sir James Connolly, Agent-General for Malta, and Lady Connolly, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs. Welford, and the Agents-General for New South Wales, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Queensland.

NAPOLEON UP TO DATE.

WALTER HASENCLEVER'S SATIRE.

Berlin, April 24.

The Stresemann Theatre has produced Walter Hasenclever's new play, "Napoleon Intervenes."

Napoleon is a figure in a wax-work show, which includes contemporary as well as extinguished stars of world history. His neighbour in the French section is Landru! When, wearied of inactivity, he descends from his pedestal to play a part in the life of to-day, he borrows Mussolini's trousers and Stresemann's hat. The juxtaposition with Landru is symbolic. The playwright has in mind the similarity between a man who sacrificed all the women he met to his own particular whim, and the man who sacrificed all the men he came across—his soldiers—for his one particular woman.

For, though the garments of Mussolini and Stresemann show that Napoleon up-to-date resolves to re-enact a political role, the part that Josephine played in his life is Hasenclever's main thesis. He is furious when he learns from Landru of the infidelity he always suspected. He attends a conference of the League of Nations, where he finds that the United States of Europe are materialising in the brains of an American millionaire instead of on the battlefield; he acts in a film studio—the Josephine of to-day is



HARRY RICHMAN, star of "PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ"

BRITISH LEGION.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The ninth annual meeting of the Hong Kong branch of the British Legion was held yesterday in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Mr. F. W. James being in the chair.

The Chairman pointed out that the Legion was not a "self-glorifying" organisation, but it existed for the benefit of ex-Servicemen and women and to help the Services in general.

As regards the annual report, gross receipts on Poppy Day were more by \$486.27 than in 1928, but the fall in exchange resulted in less sterling being sent to the Central Fund. The gross receipt in 1928 was \$16,973.09 and in 1929 \$17,459.36, but the remittances for the two years were respectively £1,747.45-6d. and £1,492.1s.-8d., so that although we collected more in Hong Kong dollars, we remitted £255.2s.-9d. less for the year 1929.

The Chairman also returned thanks to various officials of the branch for their help during the year, and stated that the branch had 110 members resident in the Colony, although there was a number of subscriptions still unpaid.

The report and accounts were carried unanimously.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President: Mr. F. W. James; hon. secretary and treasurer: Mr. H. Spicer; general committee: Col. L. G. Bird, Lt.-Col. G. K. Hall Bruton, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, the Rev. T. G. Waldegrave, Mr. V. M. Bond, Mr. J. N. Owen, Mr. A. R. H. Phillips and Mr. F. C. Hall; hon. auditor: Mr. A. Ritchie.

SENT FOR TRIAL.

Tragedy on Australian Steamer.

ALLEGED MURDER.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith concluded the preliminary hearing of the case in which a Japanese named Yamada, a passenger on the s.s. Tanda, from Australia, is charged with the alleged murder, at sea, of a Chinese ship's cook named Fung Sau-sham. The accused reserved his defence and was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

A statement stated to have been made by the accused to the Police, after he had been charged, was read in Court.

Accused stated that when he left Townsville he had in his possession the sum of \$24, but of this he had lost \$7 in gambling. He kept his money in a bag tied round his waist. On the day before the crime the cook asked him for \$10 but prisoner thought he was joking. The same night he again met the cook, who produced a pistol which he pointed at prisoner and asked for \$50. At the moment a passenger was seen approaching and the cook put the pistol away, at the same time threatening that if the prisoner said anything about the incident something would happen to him.

Committed for Trial.
Shortly afterward prisoner went to sleep in a corner of the hatch-



HARRY RICHMAN AND HIS SMARTLY DRESSED CHORUS IN "PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ"

James Gleason, Richard Tucker, Eddie Kane, and Purnell Pratt, Edward including Joan Bennett, Aileen Sloman directed the picture from an original story by John W. Considine, jun., for which William K. Wells wrote the dialogue.

THE PATRIOT.

Emil Jannings and Lewis Stone.

Lewis Stone, the man who made those marvellous cameos of satire and finesse: "The Wedding Circle" and "Helen of Troy" is cast in what he himself believes the best role of his film career in Paramount's "The Patriot," which is now being screened to big houses at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, for a limited engagement.

The role is that of Count Pahlen, Minister of War, and the only man in whom Tsar Paul I. of Russia placed any trust.

"The Patriot" has Emil Jannings in the starring role, with Mr. Stone cast in a role nearly equal in importance. It is he who wins the sympathy of the audience, as the patriot; also, as the man who enjoys the trust of his leader, he figures

in one of the most interesting incidents in the history of Imperial Russia.

This epic of the screen was

adapted from the stage play of the

same name by Alfred Neumann, celebrated European playwright.

Taken from an actual occurrence in the tumultuous history of Russia, it

forms one of the most amazing

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The Mad Emperor.

Paul I. was known as the Mad Emperor. He had the heart of a child and the brain of a tiger. He ruled ruthlessly and without mercy.

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country from destruction. He re-

solved upon a desperate plan, and

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Achieving this, he thrust himself

into oblivion. A most inspiring

character. Stone has handled it in a perfect manner.

Also included in the cast of this

"wonder picture" is Florence Vidor,

herself a star, and Neil Hamilton,

popular leading man, who has the

role of the Tsar's son. It was

directed by Ernst Lubitsch and

adapted to the screen by Hans

"Cuddles" and "George," two of the best known child stars Gus Edwards ever had in his vaudeville acts, are reunited in "Love, Live and Laugh," Fox Movietone all-talking drama. "George" who is George Jessel, is starred. "Cuddles," now known as Lila Lee, is his leading woman. "Love, Live and Laugh" will be seen and heard soon at the Carlton Theatre screen.

The Mad Emperor.

Helen Kane, the little girl with the baby voice, is scoring new triumphs as a screen player for her work in Paramount's "Sweetie," and in her new picture, "Pointed Heels."

Mary Carr, who has "mothered" almost every star in Hollywood, is

playing a featured role in Radio Pictures' "Second Wife," with Lila Lee and Conrad Nagel.

John D. is in the talkies, Mr.

Rockefeller made a speech for the

films to help celebrate the sixtieth

anniversary of standard oil.



Harry Richman, star of "Puttin' On The Ritz," the all-talking, singing, dancing, extra-

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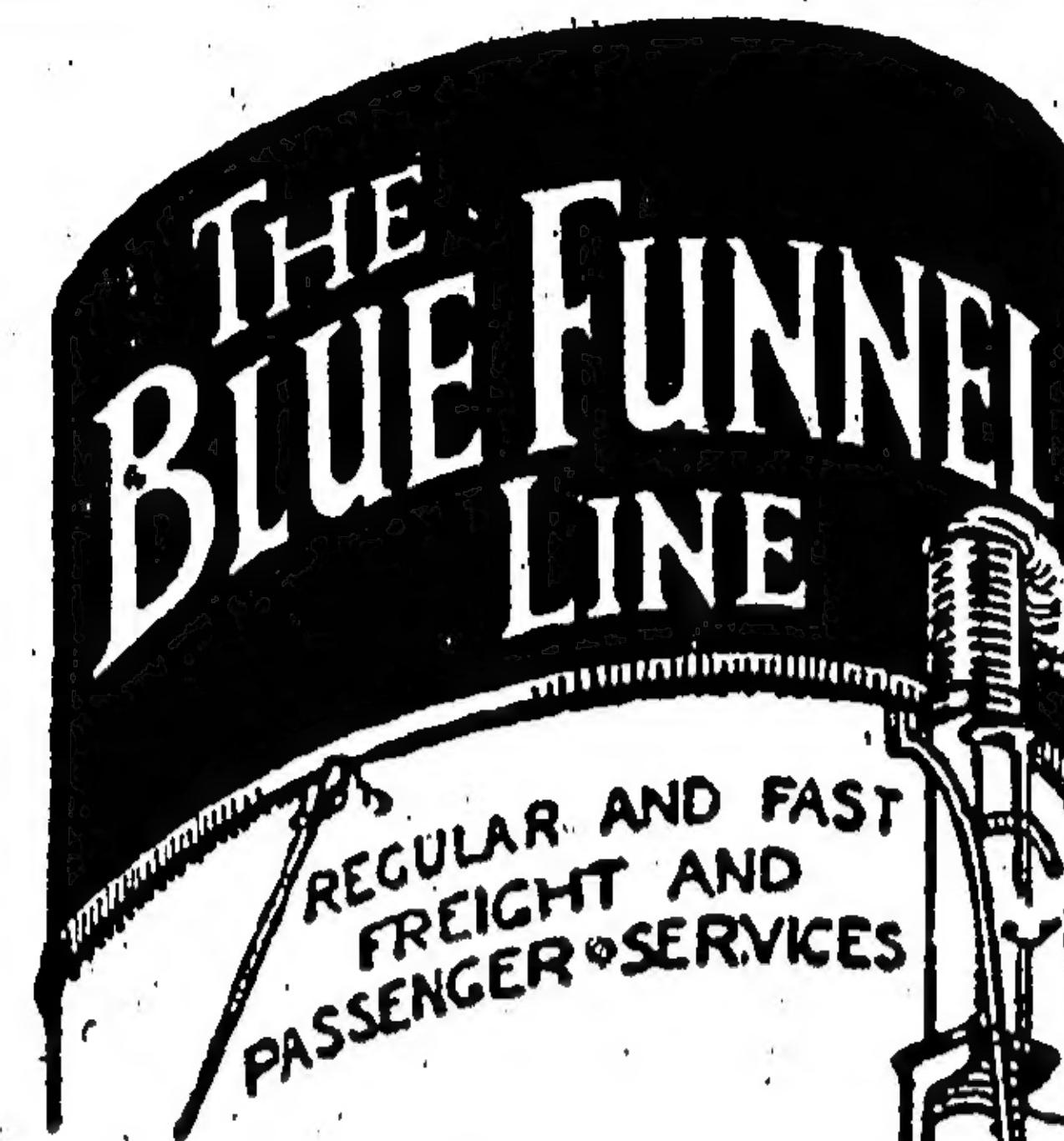
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1.

President McKinley

Manila Empress of Russia

MONDAY, JUNE 2.

San Francisco (May 9), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai

President Jefferson

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